[Translation]

Low Cost Sanitation Programme

3416. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the funds sanctioned for the rehabilitation of the people of economically weaker section under low cost sanitation programme are being misused in the urban areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the misuse of this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) No such reports regarding misuse of funds sanctioned for rehabilitation of the people of economically weaker sections in the urban areas under low cost sanitation programme has been received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) The guidelines of the Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for liberation of scavengers prohibit any diversion/misuse of funds released under the programme. Funds are released by HUDCO which acts as nodal agency on behalf of the Central Government, after taking into consideration the physical and financial progress of the scheme to ensure that diversion/misuse of funds under the scheme does not take place. The State Governments are required to constantly monitor and ensure proper utilisation of funds released under the programme.

The Ministry also regularly reviews the progress of implementation of the scheme with representatives of the State Government to ensure that funds released under the scheme are spent for the purpose for which they are released.

[English]

Traditional System of Medicine

3417. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of steps being taken to revive the traditional system of health care medicines in the country;

(b) whether special types of herbs are grown in different parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Government of India has taken a number of steps to develop/revive Indian Systems of Medicines - as follows :

(i) A separate Department of ISM & H has been set up for systematic development of these systems;

(ii) To promote research on various aspects of ISM, Central Councils for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha medicine and Unani have been set up;

(iii) to regulate ISM Education and practice of ISM a central council of Indian Medicine has been set up;

(iv) To strengthen the existing ISM colleges a scheme to provide financial assistance has been started.

(v) To lay down standards on ISM drugs seperate pharmacopiel committees in these systems have been set up. A Pharmacopiel laboratory namely PLIM has been established at Ghaziabad.

(vi) To make available raw material used in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy Medicines, Deptt. has started a scheme for development and cultivation of medicinal plants under which financial assistance is provided to Government/Semi Government organisations.

(vii) National Instt. for Ayurveda has been established at Jaipur. Similarly, National Institute for Unani is being started at Bangalore for advance teaching in this system of Medicine.

(b) and (c) Herbs of medicinal value like Ativisha, Bilva, Shatavari, Guggulu, Yastimadhu etc., are being grown by various organisations in different parts of the country.

Nuclear Power Stations

3418. SHRI K.S. RAYUDU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the two nuclear power reactors of 500 MW capacity each are to be set up at Tarapur have been delayed inordinately;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) the time by which the construction is likely to be started; and

(d) the original schedule time of construction and the cost over-run due to delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) Main plant construction work of the 2 x 500 MWe Atomic Power